Recovery of Outstanding dues from International Airlines

598. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to take legal action to recover commulative outstanding dues from 89 leading international airlines;

(b) if so, whether these dues have to be recovered by various Government companies and departments including Air India, Airports Authority of India, the revenue department, etc;

(c) whether Government are also considering to adjust the amount against security deposits of these defaulters, and

(d) if so, the total outstanding dues from these airlines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reduction of Employees in AI Flights

599. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India has the highest number of employees per aircraft in the world;

(b) if so, the details thereof in comparison with other international flights; and

(c) what is Government's plans to reduce the number?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Details as of 2000 are as under:—

Name of airline	No. of employees	Fleet Size	Employee per aircraft
Air India	16,804	28	588 (As on 30.6.2002)
Aerofloat	15,352	106	145
Air Canada	31,560	244	129